

ATTN: GREG CHILCOTT

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED EMAIL FROM JAN 2006. THE SAME PROBLEM IS NOW OCCURRING. I WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE THIS TIME. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO DRIVE DOWN SUTHERLAND TODAY(WED) YOU'LL NEED TO DRIVE BY AS SOON AS THE WEATHER IS ABOVE FREEZING...I DOUBT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD.

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THIS LETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF AN ONGOING HAZARD ON SUTHERLAND LANE IN CORVALLIS. SUTHERLAND IS EAST OF EASTSIDE HIGHWAY AND RUNS OFF OF POPHAM. I'M TOLD BY DAVE ONSTEAD THAT IT IS CLASSIFIED AS A "LOCAL ACCESS" ROAD. WHEN IS THE LAST TIME THIS ROAD WAS RE-CLASSIFIED?? TWENTY OR MORE YEARS? THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 35 HOMES THAT HAVE ACCESS TO THIS LANE. I'M TOLD IT IS TOO NARROW TO PAVE, YET THERE ARE MANY ROADS JUST AS NARROW, INCLUDING QUAST. WHEN CALLING TO GET THE ROAD GRADED, I'M TOLD IT'S EITHER TOO WET OR TOO DRY. DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR IT'S A BIT MORE OFTEN BECAUSE OF THE SCHOOL BUS. I THINK IT'S TIME SOMEONE TOOK A LOOK AT SUTHERLAND LANE. I CALLED THE ROAD DEPT. A FEW DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS BECAUSE THE ROAD WAS DEVELOPING A GULLY ACROSS IT. I WAS TOLD SOMEONE WOULD BE OUT TO LOOK AT IT. I CALLED A WEEK LATER BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DRIVE PAST THIS AREA WITHOUT GOING INTO DEEP POTHoles AT 5MPH. IT WAS LOOKED AT ON WED. AFTER NEW YEARS AND BY THURSDAY THE ROAD WAS GRADED IN THE MORNING AND BY THE EVENING YOU COULD NOT DRIVE THRU UNLESS YOU HAD A FOURWHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE BECAUSE THE ROAD WAS THICK WITH GRAVEL WITH HUGE RUTS, IF YOU HAD A CAR YOU BOTTOMED OUT. THE HOLES HAD NOT BEEN FILLED WITH RECYCLED ASPHALT BITS AS I WAS TOLD, BUT GRADED OVER WITH LOTS OF SAND. THE ROAD DEPT. WAS OUT EARLY THE NEXT DAY AND DUG A HUGE TRENCH ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD MAKING IT EVEN NARROWER. THIS WORKED FOR A FEW DAYS AND NOW, WITH THE RAIN, IT IS AGAIN NEARLY UNPASSABLE. WHAT CRITERIA DOES SUTHERLAND NEED TO MEET TO BE UPGRADED AND PAVED OR A LEAST HAVE THIS PROBLEM AND THE TERRIBLE RUTS WE LIVE WITH ALL YEAR TAKEN CARE OF?? THE MANY, MANY TIMES THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ROAD OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS CERTAINLY MUST BE EQUAL IN COST TO HAVING IT PAVED. I INVITE YOU TO COME TAKE A DRIVE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BY BIKE AND YOU CERTAINLY COULD NOT WALK THROUGH THIS AREA THAT HAS BECOME A HAZARD. LAST WEEK A CAR ALMOST WENT OFF THE ROAD. WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO COME UP WITH A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM?? PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS AND PLEASE....TAKE A DRIVE DOWN SUTHERLAND LANE. WITH REGARDS, LINDA THOMPSON, 1741 SUTHERLAND LANE, CORVALLIS, 961-8816 OR 363-1140
